

MEMORANDUM FOR Members, US Army Alaska Retiree Council

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting, US Army Alaska Retire Council (25 February 2004)

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-8-7, Retirement Services Program, the US Army Alaska Retiree Council met 25 February 2004, 7:00 p.m., Bldg 600, Room 3036. Chairperson Ira Rion presided.

2. Present:

W.D. Pollard
Jack Murray
Sara McCullough
Norman Schlittler
Fran Barndt
Gordon Severson

Ira S. Rion, Jr.
Jim McCullough
Emmet Heidemann
Ernie Barndt
Ollen Hunt

3. Absent:

John Jigliotti
Jimmie Pierc
Susie Baty
James Skinner
Eva B. C. Hanks
Brad Bradley

Miles Pierce
Michael Baty
Aud Severson
Anne Skinner
Lou Bradley
Connie Heidemann

4. Others:

Bob Weinhold
CPT Nathan Wilcox, Deputy G1
SGM Patrick Brown, FRA Garrison Operations Officer
Gail Scarborough, RSO

5. Chairperson Ira Rion called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. It was with deep regret he informed the Council of the death of Frank Gatlin. A moment was taken to sign a sympathy card for Mrs. Gatlin.

6. Minutes: Minutes were approved as correct. Item 9d. should read should read Emmet Heidemann not Ernie Barndt.

7. Committee Reports:

a. Commissary/AAFES: W. D. Pollard reports the next meeting has been rescheduled to 4 March 2004. He also stated that diesel is available at the gas stations now.

b. Legislative: Bob Weinhold reports three different groups are currently working on a military museum. Stated he believes that the military should take the lead on the issue and also that the size should be larger than the two acres proposed.

c. OSC: Sara McCullough reports the March 18th meeting is a Bingo evening with the theme of "Rainbow of Lights". Call to make reservations if you wish to attend. Scholarship application deadline is April 5th. Colonel C. Boltz is on the Board and serving as Scholarship Chairperson. He has reworked the application to make it more student friendly.

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d. CAC: Jim McCullough stated the next Case Lot Sale at the Commissary is May 15-16th. Provost Marshal Office stated the fine for speeding in school zones is stiff fine and lost of driving privileges for 90 days for first offense; permanent loss of driving privileges for second. Also, stated watch out for ice. The National Prayer Breakfast is March 23rd. The new dining facility is open.

8. Old Business:

a. AFAP: Bob Weinhold suggests inviting representatives from the civilian community to participate in the annual AFAP Conference. Recommended representatives from AUSA, Chamber of Commerce and the School District.

b. Jack Foss Institute: Bob Weinhold reminded Council of the Institute and stated they have an advertisement in the American Rifle Magazine. This group encourages and supports military members speaking in schools about their military service.

9. New Business:

a. Korean War Medal: CPT Wilcox stated that all personnel who served in Korea after July 25, 1954, are eligible for the new medal if they served 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days. He provided members with handouts containing information on the new medal and the press release. The new medal should be in Clothing Sales stores by spring 2004.

b. Ride Station: Emmett proposed having a share-a-ride station on post near the gate for soldiers wanting rides off-post. He suggested having the site in the parking area for Buckner Field House. Soldiers would then have a place to wait for persons willing to stop and give them a ride. It was noted that transportation is being offered to the hospital and clothing sales. SGM Brown stated the issue is being worked. A group out of Eagle River is offering transportation from Fort Richardson to Elmendorf AFB only and requires guarantee of monies. No solution is available at the present.

c. Missile Defense: Norm Schlittler asked who is the lead agency in management of the Missile Defense Agency at Fort Greely. Ernie Barndt stated it is the Alaska Army National Guard.

10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

11. Next Meeting: March 17, 2004, 7:00 p.m., building 600, room 3036.

IRA RION
Chairperson

I have reviewed these minutes.

Gail Scarborough
RSO